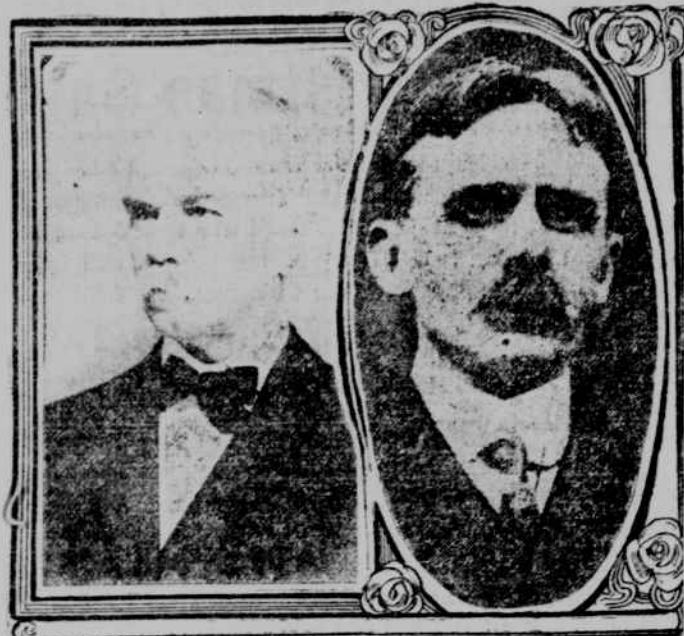


Staunton Welcomes Woodrow Wilson to Home of His Birth



REV. A. M. FRASER, D. D., PASTOR COLONEL WILLIAM J. PERRY,
First Presbyterian Church, Staunton. Chief Marshal of Parade.



PRESIDENT-ELECT WOODROW WILSON.

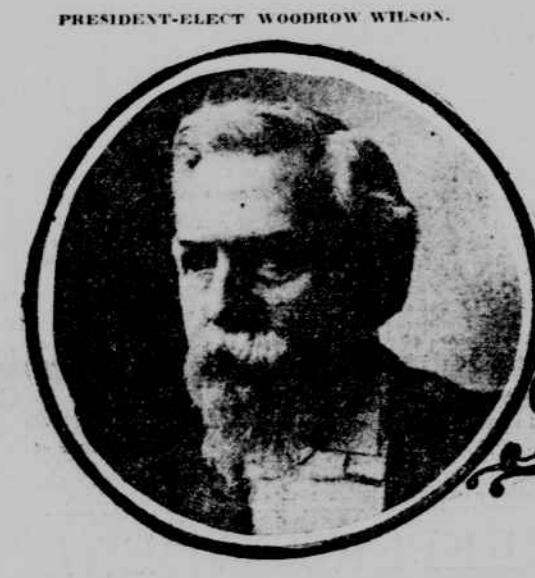
MRS. WOODROW WILSON.



DECORATED STREETS IN STAUNTON.



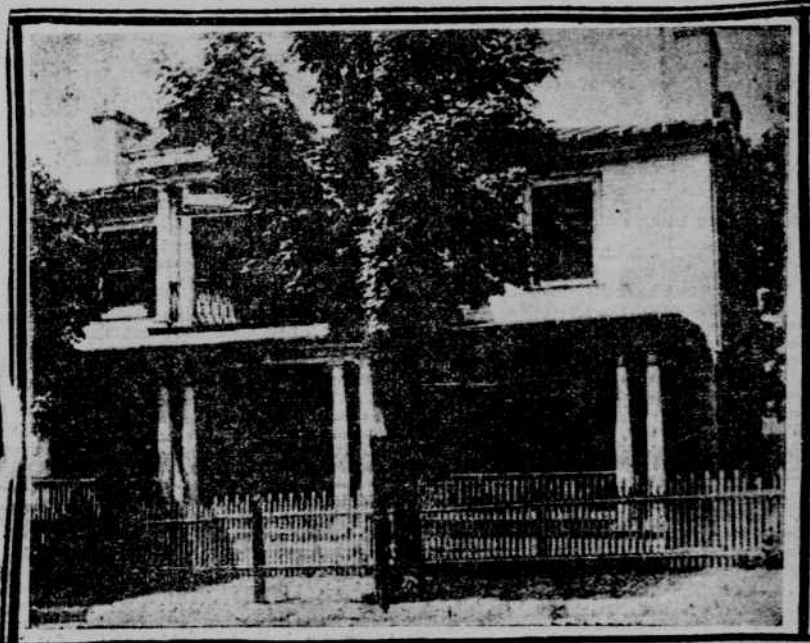
HAMPTON WYATT, MAYOR OF STAUNTON.



GOVERNOR WILLIAM HODGES MANN.



MRS. WILLIAM HODGES MANN.



House at Staunton in which President-Elect Wilson was born.

BUTLER ADMITS ERROR IN PLANS

In Statement Frankly Acknowledges Charges That Have Been Made.

'WILL NEVER TOUCH ANOTHER DROP'

Takes Slap at Beck, Who, However, Declares That He Passed Brown Building Plans on Report Made by Butler When Deputy in His Department.

In a public statement issued yesterday, John E. Butler, named by the "Big Three" on the Administrative Board as Building Inspector of Richmond, admits that it was his negligence which allowed the erection of a frame wall in a brick house, leading to the suit instituted in the Law and Equity Court by Douglas E. Taylor against Harvey C. Brown. Mr. Butler claims in that suit that the house was represented to him as being of modern construction, built under the building code requirements and approved by a city inspector, both as to plans and construction. In his statement, Mr. Butler asserts that publication of a court record in the Law and Equity Court of a suit instituted by "information furnished by some enemy, distorted, arranged and presented" in a misleading way. Mr. Butler says it is a fact that he examined and approved the plans for the house in question, but that Mr. Beck, the Building Inspector, signed them. Mr. Beck stated last night that this is a fact—that it has always been the custom of the office for him to affix his signature to plans approved by his deputies, and in the course of business he has signed many plans without giving them close personal inspection. Mr. Butler says that he himself caught up with the mistake and covered the work to be stopped until the plans were corrected. In the suit instituted by Mr. Taylor, it is claimed that the building was completed without correction of the plans, and is still defective in having a wooden

NO VERDICTS FOLLOW LONG DELIBERATION

Jury Fails to Make Report in "Dynamite Conspiracy" Cases.

COURT ADJOURNS TILL TO-DAY

Government Officials Are Confident That End Will Come This Morning.

Indianapolis, Ind., December 27.—Fifteen hours' deliberation by the jury in the "dynamite conspiracy" cases up to to-night had failed to result in the return of any verdicts. Federal Judge Albert R. Anderson, after convening court to receive any reports from the jurors, ordered an adjournment until 9:30 A. M. to-morrow, with the understanding that the verdicts should be returned by that time. There are twenty-five offenses charged against each of the defendants, and the jury, if it chooses, may halloo on each charge as to each defendant, making a total of 1,250 charges thus to be disposed of. All the deliberations of the jurors are conducted in a room near their living quarters on the third floor of the Federal building, which is reached by a private stairway, cut off from the rest of the building. On the same floor, at another end of the building, are the quarters of the confessed dynamiters, Otto E. McManis and Edward Clarke, who appeared as witnesses for the government. That there may be no basis for any reports as to the jury's progress, every approach leading to its quarters is guarded. Twice to-day the forty labor union officials, headed by Frank M. Ryan, president of the Iron Workers' Union, who are charged with complicity in the McManis dynamite plots to destroy the property of open-shop contractors, were assembled in the courtroom in expectation that their fate at the hands of the jury would be made known. Crowds of women and other spectators, who had been permitted in court or in the lobbies for the last three months, were prevented by guards so that only those who had business in connection with the trial or were relatives of the defendants were present. They include the wives and children

FIGHT DESPERATE BATTLE WITH SEA

Fishermen Saved From Launch After Giving Themselves Up as Lost.

Mobile, Ala., December 27.—With provisions exhausted and reduced to the extremity of drinking salt water, three missing men of a fishing party which left Coden last Friday were picked up late Thursday evening by the schooner Amethyst off the western point of Dauphin Island. The men—William Warner, Elsie Barnes and John Barnes—told a harrowing story of battle with the waves in a twenty-five-foot open launch belonging to Captain Graham, of the Amethyst. Last Friday night the three men left Coden in the launch, newly purchased, on a fishing trip, with provisions for two days. That same night the engine broke down. Within sight of land, the boat tossed about in the gulf, the men working through the night in an effort to make the engine run. Day broke without results. Then they took turns at paddling, making but little headway against the tide and wind. Scarcely any of the scant supply of provisions was left on Saturday, and, prepared for the worst, the men contented themselves with mouthfuls of food. They reached Petit Bois Island, spending Christmas Day on the dreary waste, hungry and anxious. On Thursday morning they made another effort to reach Dauphin Island, after succeeding in patching the engine. But once more it failed them, and again they were at the mercy of a rising sea. When the rescue party sighted the tossing craft the three men were huddled together, famishing, cold and weak.

WILSON RETURNS TO HIS OLD HOME

President-Elect Says "It's Fine to Be Back Again."

SLEEPS IN HOUSE OF HIS BIRTH

Progress Through State. From Alexandria to Staunton, Is One Noisy Demonstration of Greeting—Series of Bonfires Along Route Crackle Out Welcome. Staunton, Va., December 27.—Virginia welcomed home to-night Governor Woodrow Wilson, the eighth of her native sons to be chosen President of the United States. From the moment the President-elect crossed the State line at Alexandria in the afternoon, after he had had a ten-minute glimpse of the national capital, until 5 o'clock to-night, when he reached the little parsonage here where he was born just fifty-six years ago to-morrow, the reception given was one of great enthusiasm, noisy, demonstrative and of spectacular display. Escorted by troops of cavalry, militia companies and a torchlight procession in which practically the whole town participated, the Governor and Mrs. Wilson motored through the streets of Staunton to the home of Rev. A. N. Fraser, D. D., pastor now of the Presbyterian Church where the Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, father of the President-elect, died in 1824. With Mrs. Wilson, the President-elect paused for a minute on the illuminated porch of the house and greeted Dr. Fraser. The band struck up "Dirge," the Governor turned and waved his hat to the crowd, and a spontaneous shout of welcome echoed in the winter air. "It's fine to be back again," exclaimed the President-elect as he stepped into the room in which he was born, to rest for the morning when the chief program of the jubilee will be carried out. Streets Alive With Color. Outside the crowds surged in the streets, which were alive with color and flags and electrical display. From

PORTE WILL ANSWER ITS ENEMIES TO-DAY

TERRIBLY BEATEN BY NEW YORK GANG

Wealthy Wilmington Man in Hospital, With Slight Chance of Recovery.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] New York, December 27.—With his jaw broken and his face beaten almost into shreds as the result of a gang assault and robbery, David Reid Williams, thirty-six years old, a wealthy cotton broker of Wilmington, N. C., was found early this morning in the gutter at Eleventh Avenue and Thirty-sixth Street, by Patrolman James Powers, of the West Thirty-seventh Street Police Station. The man was unconscious and blood was streaming from his wounds. Powers called an ambulance from Bellevue Hospital, and with Dr. Golding, took the man to the Thirty-seventh Street station. There he partly revived, and when asked what his name was, said it was "S. A. Jones." Five minutes later, however, when physicians told him that he probably would not recover, he gave his real name, and said he had assumed the one he gave at first to hide the fact that he was injured from his relatives. His Recovery Doubtful. From the police station, Williams was taken to the Bellevue Hospital. There it was found that in addition to his broken jaw and bruised and cut face, his skull was in all probability fractured, and attending physicians said they doubted whether he would recover. Williams lies in Bellevue to-night in a precarious condition, even more serious than when he was first taken there, according to the house surgeons. The physicians stated to-night that there is little chance for his recovery. That the assault yielded the gang who attacked Williams more than \$500 was evident from a search of the man's clothing, in which he said he had had \$250 in cash, a gold watch worth \$50 and several small articles of jewelry. All were gone. Williams has been in New York four days, arriving here Tuesday and entering at the Hotel Navarro. He said he did not know how he came to be walking at Eleventh Avenue and Thirty-sixth Street, the former residence of the old Gopher gang. He said he was in the habit of walking

Has No Hope of Obtaining Demands of Balkan Allies.

SCENE SHIFTS AGAIN

Interest Now Centres on What Austria Proposes to Do.

London, December 27.—Turkey's reply to the demands made several days ago by the Balkan allies as a basis for peace in Southeastern Europe will be delivered to-morrow to the peace conference in St. James's Palace. Interest, however, again has shifted from this phase of the situation and is centred to-night in the question of what are the intentions of Austria with respect to the Balkans. The peace delegates are prepared to consider the reply of the Ottoman government and its counter-proposals, starting though the latter may be, as simply points for future negotiations. It is well known that Turkey has not the least hope of obtaining what she will demand, and also that she has no intention of resorting to a war which may result in further disaster to her. This aspect of the situation seems to receive confirmation from the fact that several attempts already have been made unofficially by members of the Turkish delegation to get the Montenegrin, Serbian and Greek delegates to recede from the demand that Adriatic be surrendered, promising to return that Turkey will not object to their respective enlargement territorially. Attempts to Divide Allies. These advances and reports, emanating from Constantinople, of negotiating terms direct with Turkey there, are considered to have as their basic purpose an attempt to divide the allies. The Balkan states, however, have resisted all temptations placed in their way, and to-day present as united a front as they did the first day of the negotiations, and are just as determined as ever to have their own way in concluding peace. Instead of dimming excitement, growing among the Serbian and Montenegrin delegates over what are considered Austria's plans in the Balkans. That the dual monarchy seems determined to carry out these plans is considered to be proved by the fact that she has not begun to demobilize the big army she recently called to the front on Ninth Page.

STAUNTON HONORS IT'S FAMOUS SON

Home-Coming of Woodrow Wilson Is as He Likes It.

NO SPEECH MAKING AND NO FORMALITY

Just as a Boy Who Has Made Good and Returns to His Home People Is President-Elect Received—All Virginia Joins in Greeting. BY ALEXANDER FORWARD. Staunton, Va., December 27.—Amid martial lights, cheering thousands, hands and banners and salutes, Woodrow Wilson, of Staunton, came home to-night. It was just the home-coming he wanted, no speechmaking, no formality, just honor paid to a boy who has made good, and has come back to his home people. He sleeps to-night in the house where he was born. Between bonfires, Governor Wilson said on the train that his disappointment would have been keen had he been prevented from coming to Staunton. He wanted to come. The little city of his birth has quite evidently succeeded in making it a statewide celebration, or else the Federal census-takers made a mistake when they reported Staunton with a population of 16,464. There were that number on the various local committees, and counting the crowds that jammed the streets from the railway station to the manse. These committees did what they should have done. They had everybody out to pay tribute, but they took the honored guest, tired and none too well, to an automobile and rushed him home. He was not required to meet several thousand people. It was over before most people knew it had begun. Not even an administrative board could have managed it more smoothly and easily. "Welcome, Wilson," shouted Charlottesville, in an electric sign. Staunton's preparations are so complete that the parting word to the President-elect, when he takes his train Sunday morning, is already on the back of her "Welcome" sign. It is "Merrill." As a matter of fact, it should be said that no town of its size could